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Karen M. Templeton - Somers, PhD
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Dear Ms. Templeton-Somers:

I am writing on behalf of many members of the American Academy of Family Physicians who do not agree with the letter sent by my friend Dr. Martin regarding over the counter status of emergency contraception. Please be aware that what was presented to you on our behalf does not represent the view of many family practitioners.

We believe in the value of informed decision-making and are very concerned that women would not have adequate information to make a decision regarding emergency contraception without the benefit of a physician encounter. We also believe that it is imperative that this method be clearly and factually labeled. Many of our patients are unaware that this method may actually destroy a fertilized egg. Many patients need to know that this is not contraception, as they understand the term.

I have no official position, but care enough to write and let you hear from those of us who are busy seeing patients day in and day out. Most of us will not write you a letter, but we are still our patients' advocates. Please don't take us out of that role in this situation.

Sincerely,

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